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REPORT

OF THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

APPOINTED BY THE SENATE

TO EXAMINE INTO THE AFFAIRS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND DELAWARE CANAL COMPANY.

REPORT.

The Select Committee appointed by the Senate to examine into the affairs and management, &c., of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, have had the subject under consideration, and have examined sundry witnesses, as well as their printed rates of tolls and rules for the guidance of their Collectors and other officers, and find that the discrimination made by said Company on various articles, are such as does materially affect the Farmers, Manufacturers, and the mercantile interests of the city of Baltimore and the State of Maryland. For the particulars, we herewith submit a copy of the testimony, toll-lists and rules.

We discover, by the act passed on the 26th of January, 1846, chapter 268, in the second section, "That for the more convenient dispatch of business, it shall and may be lawful for the said Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company, to commute for the charge of toll on passengers, merchandise, or any kind of commodities, or produce, with any individual, individuals, or company, on such terms as may be agreed upon between the parties; *Provided, always*, That no individual or company shall enter upon or make any agreement, which shall not be extended to any individual or company, who may be willing to enter into a similar agreement on the same terms as the most favored."

We, therefore, recommend the passage of a bill to prohibit discrimination.

By order of said Committee,

J. J. HECKART, *Chairman.*

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